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State inmate who escaped Coahoma County Jail in Custody

JACKSON –State inmate James Johnson III, who had escaped the Coahoma County Jail, is in custody.

The 21-year-old was captured without incident shortly after 6:30 p.m. today in Jonestown in Coahoma County. He was discovered missing from the jail in Clarksdale, which is less than 20 miles from Jonestown, on Thursday morning.

Johnson, MDOC #205684, will be returned to state prison, where he has been since September 2016. He is serving life for homicide/murder in Quitman County.

The Coahoma County Sheriff's Department and the Mississippi Department of Corrections were assisted by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI), Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, and other local law enforcement agencies in the search and capture of Johnson.